

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rose called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters

All Board Members were present. Board Member Solomon attended virtually from Valencia, CA.

All Cabinet Members were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:12 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Facilities Fred Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SCV Trustees Association held its meeting on January 24th. A guest presenter from NABTU, North America's Building Trades Union shared details on an apprenticeship program. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022;
- Board members recognized staff members who recently assisted with school coverage;
- Superintendent Pelzel shared that Educational Partner LCAP Feedback Meetings are scheduled for next week. All sessions will be virtual;
- Superintendent Pelzel and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison facilitated a District Open Enrollment Q & A session last week. Special thanks to Old Orchard Principal Daria Ramirez (DLI), Peachland Assistant Principal Melanie Morrow (JK/TK), Preschool Director Kelly Ferko (Pre-School), and Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Anna Walker (SSS) for leading breakout sessions. Next opportunity is February 1st at 6:30 PM;
- Assistant Director of Human Resources Ken Hintz is exploring a pop-up COVID testing site on a campus on Friday's from 2:00-6:00.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parents Breanne Demack, Martha Aguilera and Lisa Howard addressed the Board on the risks associated with masking and a parent's right to choose whether their child should mask or vaccinate. Parents also thanked the Board for their efforts and support related to vaccines and masking.

Superintendent Pelzel shared that the Board plans on bringing forth letter to Governor Newsom in February around vaccines and masking.

Board Member Walters shared the District will continue to advocate for families at every level.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LACOE 2021-22 First Interim Letter

The Los Angeles County Office of Education confirmed a positive District certification for First Interim.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of The Helen and Jose Colton Foundation

Director of Instruction, Assessment and Accountability Kate Peattie recognized CEO Andee Anderson of The Helen and Jose Colton Foundation for supporting students in the Newhall School District, including donating turkeys to families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday, donating sets of chapter books for all 1st - 3rd grade students in the four Title 1 school, and coordinating student meet and greet sessions with the book author.

Board members and Superintendent Pelzel expressed their gratitude.

2. Dreambox Learning Presentation

Dreambox representative Brittany Murphy updated Board members on student participation, growth and outcomes. Students are demonstrating phenomenal math growth throughout all ten sites.

Board members shared their children's positive experiences with the Dreambox program and thanked DreamBox for their partnership over many years.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**
No items removed.
2. **Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**
Consent Calendar approved.
M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon- Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye
3. **Consent Calendar- Business Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants**
 - ii. **Consideration of Approving Gift Report #21/22-10**
4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-12**
5. **Consent Calendar- Student Support Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Increased Not-To-Exceed Amount for the 2021-2022 Special Education Services Agreement with EdLogical Group Corp**
6. **Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Renewing the Annual Industrial Membership with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)**

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-16 Recognizing February 7-11, 2022, as National School Counseling Week: "School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans"**

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo recognized the contributions of the 16 incredible school counselors throughout the District.

Board members expressed how valuable it has been to provide counseling services to students throughout the sites during these last few difficult years.

Resolution approved.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon- Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

- ii. **Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 Master Contract with ProCare Therapy**
Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Authorizing the Replacement or Conversion of HVAC Units District-wide Under PC 20118 (Piggyback) and Government Code 6500 and 6502 on Carrier HVAC Units (Sourcewell Carrier Contract Number: 030817-CAR)

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski shared the District's need for more efficient HVAC units and better air quality for staff and students. Carrier representatives presented an overview of the process used to identify equipment that is close to end-of-life and the benefits the District will see once all identified units are replaced.

In response to Board member questions, staff shared that the replacement project will be completed over a year and-a-half timeframe, which will lighten up the need for immediate equipment. Training and continued vendor support will be provided for staff members. The cost of the project is estimated at \$10,504,110, with \$3,000,000 utilized out of ESSER III funds and the remaining \$7,504,110 out of Fund 40.

Board members acknowledged the need to provide better air quality on sites, especially for those with respiratory needs.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving the 2021-2022 MOU Amendment with the City of Santa Clarita

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

iii. Consideration of Approving Repair of Stevenson Ranch Elementary School Public Address System

The Stevenson Ranch Elementary system is currently not operating and a P.A.

system is a crucial communication tool for a school site.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Presentation on AB 438 - Classified Layoff Process

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor presented an overview of newly signed Assembly Bill 438, which significantly alters the layoff process for classified employees. Staff is now required to provide classified employees with layoff notices as of March 15th, along with certificated employees. The Human Resources Department will work closely with NESP as it navigates through these new requirements.

Board members expressed frustrations and concerns over the impact and complications expected because of the new requirements. Board members requested follow-up on language included in the Bill related to specially funded positions.

ii. Consideration of Changing Job Title for District Office Department Secretaries

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

iii. Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding with Newhall Employee Support Professionals - Inconsistent Duty Pay (Correction)

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

iv. Consideration of Approving - Classified Holidays 2022-2023

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
 Smith – Aye
 Solomon- Aye
 Talley – Aye
 Walters – Aye

v. Consideration of Approving Salary Schedules Due to Minimum Wage Increase

Item approved.
 M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)
 Vote: 5 - 0
 Roll call vote:
 Rose – Aye
 Smith – Aye
 Solomon- Aye
 Talley – Aye
 Walters – Aye

vi. Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding with Newhall Teachers Association - Home Hospital

Item approved.
 M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
 Vote: 5 - 0
 Roll call vote:
 Rose – Aye
 Smith – Aye
 Solomon- Aye
 Talley – Aye
 Walters – Aye

4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

- i. Superintendent Evaluation: 2021-2022 Mid-Year Superintendent Goals Update**
 Superintendent Pelzel provided the Board with a progress report on his 2021-22 Superintendent Goals. Mr. Pelzel also highlighted his successes thus far. Mr. Pelzel expressed his gratitude towards his colleagues and recognized the part they play in his success.

Board members were appreciative for the comprehensive update and Superintendent Pelzel's efforts to continue to grow an educational leader.

5. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. Consideration of Approving the School Accountability Report Card Publication on February 1, 2022**
 Item approved.
 M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)
 Vote: 5 - 0
 Roll call vote:
 Rose – Aye
 Smith – Aye
 Solomon- Aye
 Talley – Aye
 Walters – Aye

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Discussions on a broader letter to Governor Newsome regarding masking and vaccine mandates

Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:22 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:50 PM.


S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no further in Closed Session.

T. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk

Secretary